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Construction of Break Water and Jetty at Car Nicobar

778. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct Break Water and Jetty at Car Nicobar;

(b) if so, the present position of the project; and

(c) the fund allocated for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A proposal for construction of Break Water and Jetty at Car Nicobar is under the consideration of the Government.

(c) Presently, an outlay of Rs. 20.00 lakhs for the project has been provided in the Annual Plan. 1991-92.

Wasteful Government Expenditure

779. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the measures taken so far to bring economic reforms have adversely affected the general public only;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are aware that wasteful expenditure in Government offices continue unabated in the shape of attaching independent staff cars with drivers to individual officers, attaching an officer with senior officer to look after his personal work, withdrawing staff from lower offices to work in their secretariats, providing telephone facilities at the residence of such so-called staff officers, undertaking tours at government expense for private works and furnishing rooms of senior officers etc.;

(d) if so, the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check/eliminate such expenditure forthwith; and

(e) if no steps have been taken/ proposed to be taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). The package of macro-economic stabilisation measures and structural reforms in the sphere of trade, industrial and public sectors aim at increasing efficiency and productivity, imparting dynamism to the growth process. The recent trends in the levels of foreign exchange reserves, prices and trade balance indicate that the overall impact of these measures has been favourable. Nevertheless, the Government is fully conscious of the need to protect the interests of the vulnerable sections of the society and thus bring about adjustment with human fact. It would continue its efforts to check the rise in prices and strengthen the Public Distribution System.

(c) to (e). In order to observe economy in expenditure, instructions are issued to all the Ministries/Departments from time to time to avoid wasteful expenditure. The Staff cars with drivers are not earmarked for exclusive use of any officer, as these form a pool and are deployed according to the availability and requirement. There is no provision for providing staff officers to senior officers in the Central Secretariat. The Senior officers are provided with Private Secretary/Principal Private Secretary as per their entitlement to assist the officer in day to day official work. The facility of telephones at the residence is

available to the Principal Private Secretary attached to the Secretaries.

Funds to D.T.C.

780. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:
DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHER REDDY:

Will the Minster of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided not to fund the DTC in future;

(b) whether the DTC has been asked to raise resources of its own to meet operational costs etc; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). DTC have been asked to take all such measures as are necessary to ensure that no operational losses are incurred by it.

Export of Textiles

781. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minster of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the earnings from the export of garments during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government have received any representations from the Apparel Export Promotion Council and exporters of garments expressing concern over the non-fulfilment of the garment export target fixed for 1991-92 due to difficulty in importing modernised knitting machines; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Exports of garments during 1989, 1990 and 1991 amounted to Rs. 3091 Cr., Rs. 4378 Cr. and Rs. 5358 Cr. respectively.

(b) and (c). The Apparel Export Promotion Council informed Government that, due to recessionary trends in major importing countries, there was a possibility of garment exports falling short of the target for 1991-92. Government also received a representation from the Council requesting for allowing more garment machinery items under concessional import duty scheme. As per the established procedure, this request was sent to the Finance Ministry with the recommendations from the Ministry of Textiles.

Increase in Exports

782. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minster of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether exports have been stepped up in the recent past and proposed to be further stepped up in the near future to earn more foreign exchange;

(b) if so, the countries where the export has been increased; and

(c) the items proposed to be exported to these countries alongwith their value in foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The principal countries in respect of which India's exports registered an increase during the first 8 months of the current financial year i.e., April-November 1991 as com-